

# Govt restricts some northern hills

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A meeting of the Council of Ministers held at Baluwatar on April 4 and 8 took the decision to this effect, Minister for Communication and Information Technology Gokul Baskota said, while speaking at a weekly press meet organised to make the cabinet decision public on Thursday.

The decision of imposing restriction would be made public on Nepal gazette with amendment notice, according to the cabinet decision.

The high altitude northern areas that include mountainous and some hilly regions are included in the restricted areas.

The areas enlisted as restricted parts are in Taplejung, Sankhuwasabha, Solukhumbu, Dolakha, Rasuwa, Gorkha, Manang, Mustang, Dolpa, Mugu, Humla, Bajhang and Darchula districts.

Dolpa district has the highest number of restricted areas. They include- ward number 1-11 of Thulibheri Municipality, ward numbers from 1 to 11 in Tripurasundari Municipality, ward numbers from 1 to 6 in Dolpo Buddha Rural Municipality, ward numbers from 1 to 8 in Se-Foksundo Rural Municipality, ward numbers from 1 to 6 in Jagadulla Rural Municipality, ward numbers from 1-9 in Mudkechula Rural Municipality, ward numbers from 1 to 7 in Kaike Rural Municipality, and ward numbers from 1 to 6 in Chharka Tangshong Rural municipality were declared as restricted zone.

Similarly, Phaktanglung Rural Municipality's ward number 6, 7, ward number 5 of Mikwakhola Rural Municipality, and ward number 8 of Sijjanga Rural

Municipality in Taplejung district are declared as restricted areas.

Bhotkhola Rural Municipality's ward number 1, 2, 3 and 5 and ward number 4 of Makalu Rural Municipality in Sankhuwasabha district were declared as prohibited zone.

Ward number-5 of Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality in Solukhumbu district was declared as restricted zone.



Gaurishanker Rural Municipality's ward number 9 and ward number-1 of Bigu Rural municipality in Dolakha district were also declared as restricted zone.

Likewise, ward number 1 and 2 of Gosainkunda Rural Municipality of Rasuwa district were also declared as prohibited zone.

Also, Chumanubri Rural Municipality's ward numbers from 1 to 7 of Gorkha district were put on restriction

by the government. Narpabhumir Rural Municipality's ward numbers from 1 to 5 were also declared as prohibited zone.

The Cabinet also declared Bharpajhong Rural Municipality's ward number 5 of Mustang district as a restricted zone. This area is famous for Tilicho Lake, the highest altitude lake of the world.

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ward numbers from 1 to 5 were declared as prohibited zone in Mugu district.

According to Minister Baskota, ward numbers from 1 to 5 in Saipaal Rural Municipality in Bajhang district and ward number-1 in Byas Rural Municipality in Darchula district were declared as prohibited zone.

Likewise, the cabinet meeting decided to involve Nepal as founder member to Belt and Road Initiative Tax Administration Cooperation Mechanism (BRITACOM). The government has authorised Bishnu Prasad Nepal, Director General of Inland Revenue Department (IRD), for signing the agreement on this programme, according to the Communication Minister.

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The cabinet also decided to handover the property and resources registered in the name of five regional offices to the office of Chief Minister and Council of Ministers. The federal government took the decision after the regional offices of Dhankuta, Hetauda, Pokhara, Surkhet and Dipayal had already been scraped.

The government has agreed in principle to prepare a draft for Road Safety-2075 bill.

The government has decided to give public holiday to its line ministries and institutions of the federal government after the States government decided to do so.